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1 .	Program, and Breaking Barriers. Her institutional
2	job assignment is in the PIA working as a label
3	mechanic operator since 2000, and she has received
4	satisfactory work reports in that assignment. The
5	prisoner lacks a significant criminal history of
6	violent crime. Because of maturation, growth,
7	greater understanding, and advanced age has reduced
8	the probability of her recidivism. The prisoner
9	has realistic parole plans, which includes a job
10	offer and family support. Would say that I would
11	rate the parole plans as superior. She has a place
12	to live at the Casa Solano, which is in Grover
13	Beach. It is part of the Archdiocese of Los
14	Angeles. She also has a job offer from Cheryl
15	Langford, who has a bookkeeping and tax service.
16	In fact, she has two of them in the Pismo Beach
17	area. The prisoner has maintained close family
18	ties while in prison by letters and visits. And
19	today, we have a letter, from her mother, of
20	support listing six relatives in the Grover Beach,
21	Santa Maria, Nipomo, Clovis area that support her
22	release and are willing to help her in any way the
23	can when she is released. Prisoner has maintained
24	a positive institutional behavior, which indicates
25 <sup>-</sup>	significant improvement in self-control. She has
26	had no 115s since 1988. Her last 115 was failure
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Τ	to report to a work assignment. She also has had a
2	few 128As. The last was in 1999 for excessive
3	clothing. And prior to that, was three years,
4	misuse of state property. And then the last was in
. 5	1988 prior to that. So we feel that she has a good
6	disciplinary record while in custody. Prisoner
7 :	shows signs of remorse. She has indicated that she
8	understands the nature and the magnitude of the
9	offense and accepts responsibility for her criminal
1.0	behavior and has a desire to change towards good
11	citizenship. The psychological factors The most
12 -	recent psychological report, authored by Peter Hu,
13	H-U. Mr. Hu is a staff psychologist and is
14	reporting through January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2004. It is
15 .	favorable. He states,
16	"The inmate has not been dangerous
17	within a controlled setting, and I do
18	not believe that she will be
19	dangerous if released to the
20	community. The inmate has gained a
21	healthier respect for the rights and
22	privacy of others and appears to have
23	followed diligently in the rules and
24	regulations here at the institution.
25	The inmate has been able to keep her
26	pathological characteristics in
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1	control and she has obtained a
2	certain level of peace and
3	contentment with herself. Risk
4	factor, as always, would be if she
5	ever attempted to resort to acts of
6	criminality, though given her peace
7	and contentment, I do not suspect
8	that to be the case."
9	The psych evaluation prior to that was prepared on
10	9/10 of '99 by Robert D. McDaniels, who's also a
11	staff psychiatrist. It is favorable. He states,
12	"The inmate has not been dangerous
13	within a controlled setting. I do
14	not believe she would be dangerous if
15	released to the community. Her
16	orientation was obviously changed
17 .	over many years, as reflected by a
18	good work ethic and her involvement
19	within the institution. A
20	significant risk factor, as always,
21	would be appropriate parole plans.
22	However, these have been deemed
23	viable in the past."
24	We would comment that the Panel feels her parole
25	plans are superior. Base term of confinement. The
26	base of life offense for which the prisoner has
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been convicted is murder second, 187 of the Penal 1 Code. The offense occurred on 7/8 of '79. The 2 term is derived from the matrix located in the CC 3 and R Title XV at 2403 parentheses C, second degree murder, offense committed on or after 11/8 of '78. 5 The Panel finds that Category A2 is appropriate in 6 that the crime partners were actually the one who . 7 committed the homicide or murder and the prisoner 8 had a relationship with the victim. It was that of 9 a friend. The Panel assess 204 months for the base 10 offense and notes that this is the midterm. So the 11 base term of confinement is 204 months. The total 12 period of confinement is 204 months. Post-13 conviction credits from February 18th, 1981 until 14 today's date, 5/17 of 2004, is 73 months. Total 15 period of confinement -- That would be minus the 16 post-conviction credits. Total period of 17 confinement is 131 months. Special conditions of 18 parole. The following special conditions of parole 19 are imposed: Do not use alcoholic beverages. 20 Submit to alcohol testing. Submit to anti-narcotic 21 22 testing. Submit to THC testing. Participate in substance abuse program, such as AA or NA and 23 attend outpatient clinic for evaluation. These 24 were made conditions of parole because the 25 psychologist -- And at the time of the commitment 26

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- 1 offense, she had been using drugs, although it
- 2 wasn't something that was involved in the
- 3 commitment offense itself. You will be paroled
- 4 back to the same county that the commitment offense
- 5 was. And that's where the Panel feels that you
- 6 will be most successful, based upon the parole
- 7 plans that you've developed today. Any comments,
- 8 Commissioner?
- 9 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MAY: Good luck to you.
- 10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER RISEN: Okay. The
- 11 process now is it goes to Decision Review and
- 12 they'll evaluate it. Once it's gone to them, it
- 13 then will go to the Governor and he has 90 days
- 14 from the date we give it to him to make an
- 15 evaluation. So I think overall it's going to be
- 16 about six months before you hear anything. Couple
- 17 of comments. I notice that when you talked about
- 18 -- You were closing. -- about your involvement in
- 19 the crime, you were very emotional. And I think
- 20 that is a consideration. I also took into
- 21 consideration the fact that you've been denied and
- 22 you still kept programming. You didn't give up.
- 23 There's a lot of people in the institution that
- 24 will depend on you because people who go out and
- 25 make mistakes and have to come back, it reflects on
- 26 them. We as Panel members say, where did I go
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1	wrong. So you've got a lot of things resting on
2	you. But I want to say that I didn't give you the
3	date. You earned it. You've done a good job in
4	here. So good luck in the future.
5	INMATE TRIPP: Thank you very much.
6	PRESIDING COMMISSIONER RISEN: Bye now. Thank
7	you both. I'm going to keep your parole plan
8	letters and send them up with the file.
9	INMATE TRIPP: Okay. Thank you very much.
10	PRESIDING COMMISSIONER RISEN: Thank you.
11	INMATE TRIPP: You guys have a nice evening.
12	PRESIDING COMMISSIONER RISEN: You too.
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:3	PAROLE GRANTED PENDING REVIEW
:4	THIS DECISION WILL BE FINAL ON: AND APPROVAL
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6	YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED IF, PRIOR TO THAT DATE, THE DECISION IS MODIFIED.
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# **EXHIBIT C**

BRANDEE TRIPP, W-15695

# INDETERMINATE SENTENCE PAROLE RELEASE REVIEW

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(Penal Code Section 3041.2)

SECOND-DEGREE MURDER							
NO ACTION:		•					
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On July 8, 1979, 10-year-old Tameron Carpenter was strangled to death. Both Tameron and her 19-year-old sister, Betty Ann Maddocks, were scheduled to testify in a criminal case against 53year-old William Record. Mr. Record was accused of molesting both Tameron and Ms. Maddocks. To eliminate them as witnesses, Mr. Record offered to pay his stepdaughter's husband, 17-year-old Hilton Tripp, to kidnap and murder Tameron and Ms. Maddocks. Mr. Tripp, his 20-year-old wife, Brandee Tripp, and his friend Randy Cook first planned to kidnap and kill Ms. Maddocks. That plan failed. They then decided to kidnap and kill young Tameron.

Mrs. Tripp was a family friend and had access to Tameron. On the day of the murder, she arranged to take Tameron on a swimming trip. Before the trip, she asked Tameron to go to the store and pick up some drinks. Once Tameron was at the store, she encountered Mr. Hilton and Mr. Cook who offered her a ride home. Tameron accepted. The two men then drove Tameron to a campsite where Mr. and Mrs. Tripp were living. They took Tameron into the Tripps' tent, tied her up, and placed cord from the tent around her neck. Mr. Tripp pulled on one side while Mr. Cook pulled on the other—until Tameron died. They then buried her in a grave that they had dug near the tent.

Tameron's mother notified police that her daughter was missing and that she suspected Mr. Record might be involved.

When interviewed by police, Mrs. Tripp denied any knowledge of Tameron's whereabouts. Mr. Trip, however, confessed to police that he was involved in the kidnap-murder and subsequently took them to the campsite where Tameron's body was buried. Mrs. Tripp was arrested the next day. And Mr. Cook later surrendered to the police.

Mrs. Tripp was charged with conspiracy to commit murder, kidnapping, and murder with special circumstances. She accepted a plea agreement and pled guilty to second-degree murder, with the other counts to be dismissed in exchange for her testimony against her stepfather, Mr. Record. Mrs. Tripp was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison. Her husband was found guilty by a jury of conspiracy to commit murder and first-degree murder and was sentenced to 25 years to life. Mr. Cook pled guilty to first-degree murder and was also sentenced to 25 years to life. Mr. Record was convicted of second-degree and was sentenced to 15 years to life.

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Despite a turbulent pre-prison history, which included verbal, emotional, and sexual abuse, substance abuse, and prostituting herself, Mrs. Tripp had no criminal record at the time of Tameron's murder.

Now 45 years old, Mrs. Tripp has been incarcerated for more than 23 years. While her first six years in prison included multiple serious-rules violations and an array of minor misconduct, she has been discipline-free for the last 16 years and has worked to enhance her ability to function within the law upon release. She completed her GED and has obtained vocational certificates in word processing and forklift operation. She has participated in a number of self-help and therapy programs, including Women Against Abuse, the Relapse Prevention Program, Breaking Barriers, Anger Management, and Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous consistently since 1988. She has received laudatory reports from various prison staff for her volunteer and selfhelp activities as well as receiving favorable Life Prisoner and mental-health evaluations. She has also established and maintained seemingly solid relationships with her mother and her daughter and has viable parole plans that include residence at a licensed treatment facility for recovering addicts and a job offer from a family friend.

Mrs. Tripp maintains that she did not intend for Tameron to be killed. During her 2004 parole hearing, she told the Board that her husband "promised me that no one would get hurt" and that 7 "In my head, I didn't think that anything could go wrong, and I didn't think far enough to know that her life would be taken." But at that same hearing, she admitted to suggesting various ways to kill Tameron, and explained, "I guess that's why I ended up being considered the person in charge." In her 1999 mental-health evaluation, Mrs. Tripp said that she refused to be involved in the physical abduction of Ms. Maddocks—but was willing to help lure her outside to be kidnapped. She also was agreeable to planning a way for her husband and Mr. Cook to kidnap Tameron. Her statements are inconsistent. Nevertheless, she says she accepts responsibility and is sorry for Tameron's murder.

Be that as it may, however, I cannot ignore the circumstances surrounding this particularly monstrous—and premeditated—crime. Mrs. Tripp, who was initially charged with conspiracy to commit murder, kidnapping, and special-circumstances murder, helped plan the kidnap and murden of a 10-year-old child. And she did so for money and to help an accused child molester by eliminating Tameron so she could not testify against him. Because of Mrs. Tripp, Tameron was lured into a car, taken to a remote location, and viciously killed by two individuals who strangled her in a type of tug-of-war action between them. The terror and horror Tameron must have endured is unimaginable. Mrs. Tripp had numerous opportunities to prevent this murder from happening-but she did nothing to spare Tameron. Mrs. Tripp herself acknowledged during her 1985 mental-health evaluation that she could have prevented the murder. Similarly, during her 2004 parole hearing, she said that she tried calling the police twice on the day of the murder but failed to do so because she was "scared." The manner in which this crime was planned and carried out-particularly against one so young and vulnerable-demonstrates exceptional depravity and an utterly callous disregard for human life and suffering.



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Moreover, Tameron was not just any child to Mrs. Tripp. At the 2004 parole hearing, Mrs. Tripp described Tameron's sister as her "best friend." During her 1992 mental-health evaluation, she stated that she was "the only one who was allowed to take Tameron places alone." Mrs. Tripp not only perpetrated a chilling and revolting crime, she did so by violating her position of trust with Tameron and Tameron's family.

Mrs. Tripp has made creditable gains while in prison. But after carefully considering each of the factors the Board is required to consider, the gravity of the murder Mrs. Tripp perpetrated upon young Tameron presently outweighs the positive factors tending to support her parole. Accordingly, because I believe she would pose an unreasonable threat to public safety if released from prison at this time, I REVERSE the Board of Prison Terms' 2004 decision to parole Ms. Tripp.

Decision Date: 10/11/04

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Governor, State of California

# **EXHIBIT D**

# CALIFORNIA INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION FOR THE BOARD OF PRISON TERMS March 2004 CALENDAR

TRIPP, Brandee W-15695

**IDENTIFYING DATA:** This is a subsequent and my first Board Report on this 40-year old Caucasian female who was received at CIW on 2/18/81 for the term of 15 years to life for Second Degree Murder.

**RELEVANT INFORMATION:** I spent approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes on 1/15/04 interviewing the inmate. In addition to the interview, I also had an opportunity to review her central file and medical records.

The inmate was informed regarding the non-confidential nature of the interview, and that I would be utilizing the information from the interview as well as information obtained from the central file and medical records in order to generate an opinion for the Board of Prison Terms. The inmate had a clear understanding regarding the non-confidential nature of the report.

REVIEW OF LIFE CRIME: Please refer to her central file for more information.

In essence, the inmate was the victim of her stepfather's sexual molestation since the age of 7 until she moved out at age 18. Per the inmate, her stepfather was allegedly charged with sexual molestation and had offered her boyfriend and her, in addition to two additional accomplices, to murder the victims in his child molestation case. Per the inmate as well as the review of the central file, the inmate was responsible in participating in the planning of the kidnapping of the victim in this case. In a plea bargain process, she was convicted of Second Degree Murder and testified against others in the trial.

During the discussion of this crime and incidence that led up to this crime and subsequent events following her incarceration, the inmate has demonstrated an excellent understanding of her actions. In addition, she demonstrated significant remorse and regret of the crime and assumed responsibility for her actions. She indicated that the first nine years of her incarceration that she had significant difficulties and has had numerous write-ups and acts of rebellion. However, she began to focus on her actions and her characters after being involved in the mental health treatment. She stated that she has developed a new sense of understanding regarding her chaotic past and her sense of "narcissism." She indicated that she has obtained a new respect for people's rights and understood that she can only control her own actions.

### CURRENT PROGRESS WHILE IN THE INSTITUTION

**Medical Information:** The inmate has been diagnosed with diabetes and is currently receiving medications for the treatment of the medical problem. In addition, the inmate indicated that she is allergic to Penicillin.

Mental Health Information: The inmate indicated that she is currently not involved in the mental health system at this point in time as she does not satisfy criteria for treatment.

Substance Abuse History: The inmate indicated that prior to incarceration she always has done things to the extreme, and that while using alcohol that there was relatively poor self control. The inmate has indicated that since she began in earnest to change herself for the better, she has been actively involved in Alcoholic Anonymous and Narcotic Anonymous, and she has a healthy understanding regarding her skills in maintaining abstinence.

**Disciplinary Problems:** The inmate has indicated that she has had no disciplinary problems during the last interval. This is consistent with what's found in the disciplinary section of her central file.

**Work:** The inmate indicated that she is currently working as a label maker in the PIA. In addition, she also volunteers her time in the band as well as S.O.S. She also participates actively in AA and NA, and in anger management modules that are offered to her at the institution. Please refer to her central file for the numerous laudatory chronos regarding her accomplishments and her achievements.

PLANS IF GRANTED RELEASE: The inmate stated that she wishes to be paroled to her mother in Grover Beach, California. She states that she has a contact with the E.D.D. in the city and plans to be involved with the E.D.D. in assisting her to acclimate back into society by working on finding employment. She states that she is hopeful that with the possibility of employment that she will be able to receive health benefits from her employer. The inmate indicated that her family, which consists of her mother and her daughter, are supportive of her emotionally and has offered assistance to her such as housing. The inmate has a very realistic expectation of her parole. She indicates that because it is a small city that people would be aware of her parole given the notoriety of the crime.

The inmate states that despite her expectation that the transition back to society will be a difficult one, she is hopeful that with the assistance from the community that she would be able to acclimate successfully and re-intregate with society.

MENTAL STATUS EXAMINATION: Appearance: The inmate is a clean groomed Caucasian female in no acute distress. Behavior showed no psychomotor agitation, retardation. The inmate was calm and cooperative with interview. Maintained good eye contact. Speech was regular rate and rhythm. Mood was described as feeling okay.

Affect was noted to be normal intensity, normal range. Affect was mood congruent, it was stable. I was able to relate. Thought process was goal directed. Thought content: The inmate was preoccupied with her parole plans. The inmate denied any perceptual disturbances such as hallucinations with delusions. Denies any suicidal or homicidal thoughts. Her cognition is intact. Her insight and judgment is appropriate.

### **DIAGNOSIS:**

AXIS I No Diagnosis AXIS II No Diagnosis

ASSESSMENT OF DANGEROUSNESS: The inmate has not been dangerous within a controlled setting. I do not believe she will be dangerous if released to the community. This is based on the interview as well as review from her central file; although the first couple of years of incarceration has been difficult with numerous write-ups. However. the inmate has been motivated in her self-discovery and has improved dramatically over the years, to the point where she has matured significantly. The inmate has gained a healthy respect for the rights and privacy of others, and appeared to have been followed diligently in the rules and regulations here at this institution. The inmate has been able to keep her pathological characteristics in control and she has also obtained a certain level of peace and contentment within herself. Her parole plans, though a viable one, may be better improved if certain additional structures are involved, such as a search for higher education in a junior college or even a college degree given her level of high intellect functioning; and/or the possibility of a reentry program that can offer her a better strategy of acclimation back into society. Risk factors as always would be if she was ever tempted to resort to acts of criminality though given her level of peace and contentment, I would not suspect that to be the case.

Inmate Tripp was informed that she could consult with me again regarding this report should she have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER HU, M.D. Staff Psychiatrist

# CALIFORNIA INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION FOR THE BOARD OF PRISON TERM NOVEMBER 2002 CALENDAR

TRIPP, Brandee W-15695

**IDENTIFYING DATA:** This is a Subsequent, and my sixth, Board Report on this 43-year-old inmate received at CIW on 2/18/81, for the term of 15-years to life for Second Degree Murder. This report was the result of review of the central file, clinical chart, and an interview on 8/29/02.

**RELEVANT HISTORY:** The inmate, when last evaluated in 1999, had no psychiatric diagnosis. Her last Board appearance was in July 2001 at which time parole plans were considered acceptable.

# CURRENT PROGRESS WHILE IN THE INSTITUTION:

- 1. **Disciplinary Problems:** The inmate has had no disciplinary problems in the interval period.
- 2. Work/School in Past Year: The inmate has above average work reports, documented January 2002, as a label machine operator. She is described as dependable, with a good attitude. The inmate indicates that she has learned a lot about label technology, and in her spare time has also worked overtime sewing Nomex garments, which has afforded her other job skills.

MEDICAL HISTORY: The inmate has been diagnosed with diabetes. She is under fair control, via her clinical chart, although her eating habits are not quite ideal. Nevertheless, it has not resulted in any significant disability. She is currently on medication to control her diabetic condition.

PLANS IF GRANTED RELEASE: The inmate has had no change in her parole plans. Because her parole plans have been considered viable by her last appearance, I did not delve into this much further. I believe she has a good prognosis for community living.

### Clinical Assessment

MENTAL STATUS EVALUATION: There has been no appreciable change in her mental status evaluation over the last several years. She is alert and oriented to time, person, and place. Her affect shows a full range of emotion. Memory for short term and long term is good. Psychomotor activity and speech are normal. She currently denies any alteration in sleep or appetite, and denies being troubled by nightmares. Her energy

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levels tend to vary according to how she eats. She denies difficulty with mental concentration, and none is observed. She denies any particular difficulty with tearfulness, although as she relates her crime she becomes emotional. She denies any specific fears or phobias or symptoms of anxiety. She denies any suicidal, homicidal, or paranoid ideation. There is no evidence for any thought disorder.

Insight and judgment both appear to be good. The inmate later spoke at considerable length regarding the origins of her behavior, how it manifested antisocial behavior, why she picked the type of people she did to be around, and how all this resulted into a rather awful crime.

#### DIAGNOSIS:

Axis I: No Diagnosis.
Axis II: No Diagnosis.

CURRENT LEVEL OF CARE: The inmate currently is not afforded any treatment through the C3MS Program. She has, however, been through many different psychotherapy groups over the years, dealing with incest issues as well as other psychological issues. She currently is involved in an anger management group. In the past she has been involved in 12-Step and AA Programs. I am satisfied that these needs are being met. The inmate also continues to be active in various activities within the Institution.

REVIEW OF LIFE CRIME: Per central file, the inmate had lured a ten-year-old victim to be kidnapped by two others, who later strangled her to death. The background behind this has been described extensively in past reports. The inmate had been sexually abused by her stepfather, who was a serial predator among women, and who was about to be held accountable. A potential witness was kidnapped. The stepfather had promised her financial reward if she followed the plan. The inmate states that her two codefendants agreed not to hurt the young girl, but merely to take her stepfather's money. They were being offered \$10,000. They instead strangled the girl and buried her.

The inmate believes that at the time she had been raised in a very ugly, distorted environment in which her stepfather preyed upon her. She associated with the man who became her husband, who was a sociopath. She states that she never would have stood by and saw the victim killed, and would have prevented it had she been there. She indicates she could not imagine ever associating with someone who could be that violent and cruel.

Causative factors appear obviously to reflect the type of upbringing she had and her association with the antisocial element, and the predicament she was in regarding her stepfather, who was particularly cruel and manipulative. She demonstrates a degree of insight and empathy regarding the crime.

ASSESSMENT OF DANGEROUSNESS: The inmate has not been dangerous within a controlled setting. I do not believe she would be dangerous if released to the community. Her orientation has obviously changed over many years, as reflected by a good work ethic and her involvement within the Institution. Significant risk factors as always would be appropriate parole plans, however these have been deemed viable in the past.

Inmate Tripp was informed that she could consult with me again regarding this report should she have any questions.

Robert D. McDaniel, M.D.

Staff Psychiatrist

TRIPP, Brandee W-15695

IDENTIFYING DATA: This is a subsequent, and my fifth, Board Report on this 40-year-old inmate received at CIW on 2/18/81, for the term of 15 years to life for Second Degree Murder of a ten year old kidnap victim. This report was the result of review of the central file, clinical chart, and an interview on 9/7/99, lasting approximately 45 minutes.

RELEVANT HISTORY: My prior report of May 1998 noted no psychiatric diagnosis and that the inmate had undergone a lot of psychotherapy. She, in the past, had been dependent upon sociopathic individuals. She has stated that she trusted her codefendants not to hurt the victim. In addition, the past use of illegal drugs had made her aggressive.

### Psychosocial Assessment

- I. Identifying Information
  - A. Age: 40
    Date of Birth: 3/30/59
  - B. Marital Status: Divorced once.

Race: White Sex: Female

Religion: Unaffiliated

- C. Unusual physical characteristics, nicknames, aliases:
  The inmate notes that she has had tattoos on 27 separate occasions.
- II. Developmental History
  - A. Prenatal/perinatal concerns, birth defects:

    The inmate notes that she was born with a congenital heart defect that required surgical correction. She was also born with an underdeveloped hip socket that required some type of physical therapy.

- B. Abnormalities of developmental milestones, speech/language/motor developments:
   The inmate otherwise notes no other abnormalities of development.
- C. Habits, peer interaction and socialization skills:
   She denies any problem interacting with peers as a child.
- D. History of cruelty to animals, enuresis, arson: She denies a history of cruelty to animals or enuresis, but admits to firesetting on one occasion as a child.
- E. Significant childhood medical history:
  She notes no other significant childhood medical problems.
- F. History of physical or sexual abuse as perpetrator or victim:

  The inmate has a history of sexual abuse, being abused by her stepfather from ages 7 to 18.

### III. Education

- A. Claimed grade level:

  The inmate notes that she did finish high school through a continuation school. She had been running away at the age of 17 and had missed school, requiring the transfer.
- B. Measured grade level:
  She believes her measured grade level to be 12.9.
- C. History of special education, academic or behavioral problems:

  She denies a history of any other special education problems other than the behavioral problems noted above.
- D. Current involvement/interests in educational activities:
  She denies any current involvement in educational activities.

### IV. Family History

A. Age, mental medical, substance abuse, educational, occupational, legal and criminal information on biological/step/adoptive parents, grandparents, and siblings:

The inmate is unaware of her biological father's history, but notes her stepfather was a pedophile and died five years after her crime. Her mother is currently in her sixties and in frail health, having been treated with chemotherapy for breast cancer. Her mother has a history of alcoholism, but no longer drinks. The inmate has no siblings.

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- B. Relationship with family members historically and currently: The inmate communicates with her mother weekly.
- V. Psychosexual Development and Sexual Orientation
  - A. Age of puberty, sexual relationship, sexual orientation:

    The inmate feels her age of puberty was around 17. Her early life was sexualized by a pedophilic stepfather, later leading to sexual behavior with her peers in the ninth grade.
  - B. History of high-risk behavior, sexual aggression, fantasy, etc.: She denies any other particular high-risk behavior.

### VI. Marital history

- A. Dates of marriages/common-law type relationships

  The inmate notes she was only married once, to her codefendant, at the age of 19. He was 17.
- B. Children:
   The inmate indicates that she has one daughter, age 21, currently living with her mother.
- C. Characterize past and current relationships with spouse/children:

  The inmate indicates she is very close with her daughter and communicates with her regularly.

### VII. Military History

A. Periods of service:

The inmate denies any military history.

# VIII. Employment/Income History

- A. Significant periods of employment/reasons for termination:

  The inmate notes she worked variously as a nurses aide or as a maid in a motel up until the time that she was married. Thereafter, she did not work.
- B. Work skills/government programs/union affiliations: The immate has no union affiliations.
- C. Public assistance/money management:
  She was on public assistance while pregnant.
- D. Current interests/aptitudes:
  While incarcerated, she has variously worked as a clerk, forklift driver, and currently working in the maintenance warehouse.

## IX. Substance Abuse History

- A. Acknowledged alcohol and illegal drug usage:

  The inmate describes using illegal drugs and alcohol at the age of 13. She used marijuana, cocaine, and amphetamine.
- B. Treatment programs or placements:

  The inmate had no treatment prior to incarceration. Since, she has attended various AA and 12-step groups, and in the past has demonstrated a good working knowledge of the technical aspects of the maintenance of sobriety. She continues to maintain herself in these activities which should continue on a lifetime basis.

# X. Psychiatric and Medical History

- A. Prior diagnoses, onset of illness:
  The inmate denies any prior diagnosis.
- B. Prior hospitalizations and response to treatment: She denies a history of psychiatric treatment.
- C. History of serious accident or head injury:
   She denies a history of any serious accident or head injury.
- D. History of suicidal/homicidal assaultive behavior:
  She denies a history of suicidal behavior. She denies homicidal behavior but notes she was assaultive towards a boy who struck her at the age of 16 or 17. She recalls being drunk at the time.
- E. Seizure or other neurological conditions:She denies any seizure or neurologic condition.
- F. Disabilities, significant impairments or illnesses: She denies any current disabilities or impairments.
- G. Medications:
  She is on no medications.

# XI. Plans if Granted Release

A. Living arrangement and support system:

The inmate would return to live with her mother, where her daughter currently resides as well.

- B. Financial/vocational plans:

  She has been made the beneficiary of her mother's trust and anticipates an income of approximately \$1000 per month. She would like to work part time in the capacity of a hotel maid, or any other capacity, and attend computer school at the same time.
- C. Compliance with conditions of parole/outpatient treatment:

  She indicates that she would attend meetings and go to counseling. She describes what attempt she has made to locate these services which might be nearby.
- D. Viability of plans/problem areas/supportive relationships: It appears that the inmate has given some thought regarding the viability of her parole plans, including the community reaction to her release.
- E. Prognosis for community living:

  The prognosis for community living is likely to be good based upon her current ability to conform within the confines of the Institution and attend self-help activities.

### Clinical Assessment

- XII. Current Mental Status/Treatment Needs
  A. Summary Mental Status Explant
  - Summary Mental Status Evaluation:

    The inmate is alert and oriented to time, person, and place. Her affect shows a full range of emotion. Her overall mood is normal. Her attitude towards the examination is fairly calm and self-disclosing. Memory for short term and long term is good. She can quickly recall three of three objects after three minutes. She can serially subtract 7 from 100. Psychomotor activity and speech are normal. She reports no problem with sleep, appetite, or energy. She denies being troubled by nightmares. She denies and shows no difficulty with mental concentration or focusing her attention. She denies and shows no evidence for any tearfulness, but does become briefly emotional when speaking about the death of her victim. She denies any particular fears or phobias or symptoms of anxiety. She denies any suicidal, homicidal, or paranoid ideation. There is no evidence for any thought disorder.

Insight appears to be good into the consequences of an incestuous relationship with an abusive stepfather, leading to substance abuse and the association with the antisocial element. Judgment would appear to be

good as manifested by a disciplinary-free record in the interval period, with the exception of a 128 in May 1999 for excessive and altered clothing.

B. Clinical Diagnoses and Level of Functioning (including personality disorders and organic/neurological impairment):

DIAGNOSIS:

Axis I:

No Diagnosis.

Axis II:

No Diagnosis.

C. Current Level of Care:

Currently psychological treatment is not available to inmates who do not meet C3MS criteria.

D. Treatment Activities:

The inmate has participated in the victim's impact group, as well as relapse prevention groups, through the auspices of AA. She has also facilitated Breaking Barrier groups.

E. Medications:

She is currently on no medication.

F. Prognosis:

Her prognosis for continued self-improvement is good.

### XIII. Review of Life Crime

A. Inmate's version of offense/attitude toward victim/assessment of causative factors:

The inmate's crime has been discussed extensively in prior evaluations. The inmate conspired with two others to kidnap a potential witness to a trial in which her stepfather had been accused of molesting a ten year old girl. The inmate lured the girl to where her two male codefendants took her to a remote location where she was strangled and buried. The inmate states that the victim died because of the inmate's stupidity. She becomes emotional stating that while she did not physically kill the child, she feels bad that she married the person she did, that she associated with these type of people, and that she allowed these series of events to happen. She maintains, however, that it was never her intention that the victim come to any harm.

The inmate disputes her husband's version of the crime, feeling that he is merely self-serving and unable to face the truth. The inmate will describe

her husband as being younger, and not very intelligent. She indicates he probably would have been capable of more if he had ever applied himself. He was too busy being "tough." Of note, a review of the central file reveals that her husband's I.Q. was assessed in prison as being around 78.

I asked the inmate if there had ever been another kidnapping planned amongst herself and her codefendants. The inmate admits that the victim's sister, an older woman of 20 years, had also been considered for abduction. When asked if she had been in on this possible plan, the inmate replies, "I was partly in on it." The inmate notes that she had refused to be involved in the physical abduction, but would have helped them in luring the woman outside.

I asked the inmate if any particular discussion had been made about killing this particular woman. She replies, "They talked about killing her, but I felt that if I didn't participate I wouldn't be guilty."

I asked the inmate if there was ever any talk about killing the victim in her crime, that is, the 10 year old girl. She replies, "Hilton talked about it one night while smoking marijuana." The inmate goes on to explain that her husband had spoken of shooting people from a distance, but that she had told him that it was not right to shoot someone. The inmate then reflects that at the time she felt that if she was involved in the circumstances, she might be able to control it. Of note there is information in a police report in the central file that alludes to one witness stating that the inmate, as well as her two codefendants, did in fact discuss killing a potential victim sometime before the crime itself.

- B. Relevance of mental condition to life crime/criminal behavior
  The inmate, at the time, had an antisocial orientation, perhaps the result of
  being the victim of an incestuous relationship, involving herself in drugs
  and alcohol, and the antisocial element.
- C. Inmate's level of insight/remorse/empathy:

  The inmate demonstrates regret for the victim's death, and seems to recognize the type of behaviors that led to this circumstance.
- D. Causative factors (including mental condition, if appropriate):

  The inmate maintains that she never intended the victim to come to any personal harm. Information contained in the central file describes some type of discussion regarding harm coming to the victim, although this is not clear.

XIV: Assessment of Dangerousness

- A. Within Controlled Setting:

  The inmate has not been dangerous within a controlled setting in the recent past.
- B. If Released to Community:

  If released to the community it appears likely that she would continue with her current behavior. She shows enthusiasm for a good work ethic, introspection, and has availed herself of numerous self-help groups and opportunities.
- C. Significant Risk Factors/Precursors to Violence:
  In the past, significant risk factors appeared to involve this inmate's inability to support herself either financially or emotionally, and she did not appear to appreciate the level of dangerousness she was involved in while associating with her codefendant.

XV: Clinical Observations/Comments/Recommendations:
It appears that the inmate has become far more careful regarding who she associates with and verbalizes at length her desire to be extremely cautious regarding her behavior, the people she associates with, and to be vigilant regarding what is going on around her.

Inmate Tripp was informed that she could consult with me again regarding this report should she have any questions.

Robert D. McDaniel, M.D.

Staff Psychiatrist

# **EXHIBIT E**

### CALIFORNIA INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN BOARD OF PRISON TERMS SUBSEQUENT PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING JUNE 2004 CALENDAR

TRIPP, BRANDEE

W-15695

#### Ì. COMMITMENT FACTORS:

#### Α. Life Crime:

Murder 2<sup>nd</sup>, PC 187, Case #CR7639, Monterey County, 15 years to life. Victim: Tameron Carpenter, age 10.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF CRIME:

As taken from Initial Parole Consideration Hearing Report dated 08/16/88.

On July 8, 1979, the victim's mother reported her daughter missing, and indicated William Record (Brandee Tripp's Stepfather) might be involved in the disappearance of daughter. scheduled to The victim was testify against Mr. Record in molestation case. Subsequent investigation led John Sorenson to reveal knowledge of a conspiracy to kidnap the child by Mr. Record and Hilton Tripp (Ms. Tripp's husband). Roger Ladd indicated Mr. Record offered him \$1000.00 to kidnap the victim's older sister, Betty Ann Murdock. He observed Hilton Tripp, Randy Cook and Brandee Tripp discussing methods of killing the older sister. Ladd also observed further discussions of methods of kidnapping and killing Tameron Carpenter by Hilton and Brandee Tripp. July 9, 1979, Hilton Tripp implicated Randy Cook as the person who killed the victim, and acknowledged he assisted in burying the child. He stated his wife Brandee was in agreement with the kidnapping and arranged for the child to leave home in order to facilitate the events. The body of the victim was found buried near Avila Beach. Ms. Tripp was arrested on July 10, 1979.

### 2. Prisoner's Version:

Ms. Tripp has reviewed her Prisoner's Version from her BPT report dated September 2002. Her version remains the same.

Ms. Tripp admits that she had prior knowledge of the kidnapping, and that she arranged for the victim to go to the store alone, where she would be picked up by Hilton Tripp and Randy Cook. However, she remains adamant that she had no idea that Tameron would be killed. She states that throughout their planning it was never a question in her mind that their scheme would result in the victim's murder. She alleges that she agreed to and participated in the kidnapping to collect \$10,000 offered by William Record, and that she was not present during the commission of the crime. When the others told her that Tameron had been murdered she reported that she was stunned and upset, and wanted to block the incident out of her mind. accepts responsibility for death and realizes that her cooperation made the victim more accessible to being kidnapped and subsequently murdered.

### 3. AGGRAVATING/MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES:

### A. AGGRAVATING FACTORS:

- 1. Victim was particularly vulnerable since she was only 10-years-old.
- 2. Inmate may have occupied a position of leadership or dominance over other participants in the commission of the crime.
- 3. During the commission of the crime the inmate had a clear opportunity to cease but instead continued.
- Inmate had special position of trust with the victim as a family friend for several years.
- 5. The inmate involved minors in the commission of the crime.

- 6. The crime involved a high degree of viciousness and callousness.
- 7. The planning of the crime indicated premeditation.

### B. MITIGATING FACTORS:

1. The inmate has no prior history of criminal behavior.

### II. PRECONVICTION FACTORS:

### A. JUVENILE RECORD:

None indicated.

### B. ADULT CONVICTIONS AND ARRESTS:

None indicated.

### C. PERSONAL FACTORS:

Ms. Tripp is a divorced woman, born to the union of Bill Sisemore and Mary Record in California. She has one half sister and one half brother. Her parents were separated when Ms. Tripp was twoyears-old and her mother married William Record, co-defendant, three-years later. Ms. Tripp claims especially close to her grandmother who is now deceased. Her mother was employed as secretary and her stepfather as an electrician. Ms. Tripp claims she was close to stepfather despite the fact that he once attempted to molest her when she was about 7-years of age. She describes the relationship between herself and her stepfather as sick, in that she would often use blackmail attempts to get what she wanted from him. wanted from him. Ms. Tripp received average grades in school and was not seen as a behavior problem until she met Hilton Tripp in the 10th At this point she was expelled from school, but later graduated from a continuation high school. Ms. Tripp claims her marriage to Hilton was forced upon her by both her grandmother and stepfather because she was pregnant. reports she never loved or wanted to marry him. child was conceived as a result of this union. After the birth of her daughter, she and her husband were unable to financially care for the child; therefore her mother became the primary caretaker and has since legally adopted Ms. Tripp's child. Ms. Tripp has no documented history of prior work experience.

### III. POST CONVICTION FACTORS:

### A. SPECIAL PROGRAMMING/ACCOMMODATIONS:

Not applicable.

### B. CUSTODY HISTORY:

- Ms. Tripp was received at the California Institution for Women on 02/18/81 for the offense of Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, PC 187, count 3, case #CR7639. She received a term of 15 years to life.
- 02/18/81 Received at the Reception Center of the California Institution for Women.
- 02/24/81 Appeared before the Institutional Classification Committee where she was placed in protective custody.
- 03/04/81 Assigned to PTU Proper by ICC.
- 10/16/81 Job change to SCU Clerk.
- 06/18/82 Assigned as CCI Clerk, Medium A custody, receiving above average to excellent evaluations.
- 05/06/83 Appeared before UCC for Program Review, Minimum A custody. Ms. Tripp was subsequently granted Minimum A custody and a white pass.
- 08/22/83 Appeared before UCC, Minimum A custody and was job changed to RC Statistic Clerk.
- 11/04/83 Appeared before UCC, Minimum A custody for a Six-month Review. Committee elected to continue present programming.
- 03/27/84 Appeared before UCC, Minimum A custody and reassigned to RC Records Clerk.

- 05/04/84 Appeared before UCC for Program Review.
  The committee acted to raise custody to
  Medium A and continue present program.
- 02/15/85 Appeared before UCC, Medium A custody and was job changed to Relief PM Cook.
- 04/19/85 Reviewed in absentia by UCC for a Semi-Annual Program Review. The committee acted to retain subject in her work assignment.
- 06/06/85 Appeared before Classification Sub-Committee for Review for a Campus Pass. Committee acted to give Ms. Tripp and undesignated Green Pass.
- 07/19/85 Appeared before Classification Subcommittee for consideration for a White Pass. The committee acted to approve a White Pass.
- 10/25/85 Appeared before Unit Classification for a Six-month Program Review. Committee acted to continue present program and reschedule for review in six-months.
- 12/13/85 Appeared before Unit Classification Committee, Medium A custody. The committee acted to reassign Ms. Tripp to RC ADM JTS and Self-Development Class.
- 08/15/86 Appeared before Unit Classification Committee for Annual Review, medium custody, classification score 42. The committee acted to continue present program.
- 12/22/86 Appeared before Classification Committee for work reassignment. Reassigned to Self-Development.
- 02/13/87 Appeared before Unit Classification Committee for Annual Review, Medium A custody, classification score 38. Committee acted to refer case to ICC,

recommending general population placement.

- 05/29/87 Appeared before Unit Classification Committee for housing evaluation, Medium A custody, classification score 38.

  Committee acted to refer case to ICC for general population placement.
- 09/18/87 Appeared before Unit Classification Committee for Annual Review. Medium A custody, classification score 44, assignment IST Clerk. Committee acted to continue present program.
- 12/14/89 Appeared before UCC for Annual Review, medium A custody, classification score 46, assignment Clerk Maintenance. Committee acted to continue present program.
- 08/01/91 Appeared before UCC I for Annual Review, medium A custody, classification score 26, assignment Maintenance Office Clerk. Committee acted to refer case to CSR, recommending CIW.
- 08/13/91 Endorsed for CIW, administrative placement, WOR.
- 08/04/92 Appeared before UCC for Program Review, medium A custody, classification score 26. Committee acted to confirm Peer Helper assignment.
- 08/18/92 Appeared before UCC for Annual Review, medium A custody, classification score 18, assignment Peer Helper Clerk. Committee acted to refer case to CSR recommending CCWF/Retain at CIW due to critical worker position need.
- 09/09/92 Endorsed for CIW-III based on Life term status.

- 07/03/93 Appeared before Unit Classification Committee for Program Review requesting job change, medium A custody, classification score 10, assignment Peer Helper. Committee acted to place on Word Processing Waiting List.
- 08/17/93 Appeared before UCC for Annual Review, medium A custody, classification score 10, assignment Graphic Arts. Committee acted to retain at CIW level I per inmate request.
- 08/18/94 Appeared before Unit Classification Committee for Annual Review, Medium A custody, classification score 2. The committee acted to continue present program per inmate request.
- 08/17/95 Appeared before UCC for Annual Review, medium A custody, Classification Score 0. The committee acted to continue present program per inmate request.
- 08/28/96 Appeared before UCC for Annual Review, medium A custody, classification score 0. Committee acted to continue present program per inmate request.
- 08/06/97 Appeared before UCC for Annual Review, medium A custody, classification score 0, assignment Warehouse Clerk. The committee acted to continue present program per inmate request.
- 08/12/98 Appeared before UCC for Annual Review, medium A custody, classification score 0. The committee acted to refer the case to CSR, recommending CIW-III override per inmate request.
- 08/25/98 Ms. Tripp was endorsed for CIW-III.

  Administrative placement Life.
- 08/05/99 Appeared before UCC for Annual Review, medium A custody, classification score

- 0, assignment Warehouse Clerk. The committee acted to continue present program per inmate's request.
- 05/11/00 Appeared before UCC for Job change Review, medium A custody. The committee acted to assign to PIA.
- 08/10/00 Appeared before UCC for Annual Review, medium A custody, classification score 0, assignment Industry. The committee acted to continue present program per inmate's request.
- 08/02/01 Appeared before UCC for Annual Review, medium A custody, classification score 0. The committee acted to refer case to CSR, recommending CIW-II/LIF/WOR/FAM.
- 09/06/02 Endorsed for CIW-II.
- 08/12/03 Appeared before UCC for Annual Review, medium A custody, placement score 19, assignment PIA. The committee acted to continue present program per inmate request.

### C. THERAPY AND SELF-HELP ACTIVITIES:

Since her last hearing on 11/06/02, Ms. Tripp has continued her positive program and enhanced her parole suitability by continuing her participation in various self-help and volunteer activities. On 12/04/02, she completed the Inmate Assistance Module, Anger Management. She is noted for continued attendance and participation as a member of AA/NA. Ms. Tripp also participated in the SOS Crochet Project from 11/15/02 through 05/01/03. The CIW Mass Choir also thanks Ms. Tripp for her continued assistance and dedication to the choir. (See Post Conviction Progress Report for more details.)

### D. <u>DISCIPLINARY HISTORY</u>:

## Custodial Counseling Chrono (CDC 128-A):

06/03/81 Refusing to work.

06/05/81 Horseplay.

- 08/18/81 Disruptive behavior.
- 10/30/81 Door not being flushed.
- 05/30/82 Sexual behavior.
- 07/11/82 Inappropriate photograph.
- 09/17/83 Playing radio too loudly.
- 06/06/84 Disrupting count.
- 09/08/84 Disruptive behavior.
- 03/23/87 Out of Bounds.
- 03/09/88 Failed to report to work assignment.
- 03/30/88 Failed to report to work assignment.
- 01/25/96 Misuse of state property.
- 05/27/99 Excess property.

# Rule Violation Reports (CDC 115):

- 09/04/81 DR3007- Guilty, 10 days disciplinary detention.
- 02/14/82 DR3005(A)-Guilty, 5 days CTQ.
- 03/11/82 DR3005(B)-Guilty, 4 days disciplinary detention.
- 10/06/85 3040(D), division F-Guilty, 10 days LOC.
- 12/23/86 3004(B) & 3005(B)-Administrative-Guilty, 3 weekend room locks.
- 05/10/87 3015-Administrative-Guilty, 20 hours extra duty.
- 06/18/87 3005(B), division F-Guilty, 10 days LOC.
- 11/24/87 3004, division F-Guilty, 20 days LOC.
- 11/27/87 3007, division F-Guilty 20 days LOC.
- 11/24/87 3004, division F-Guilty, 20 days LOC.
- 03/31/88 3063, division F-Guilty, 2 weekend locks

#### E. OTHER:

Noted in the Miscellaneous Section are various certificates of completion.

### IV. FUTURE PLANS:

Ms. Tripp is single and has no children to support. She has made no plans to wed in the near future and does not foresee any problems.

## A. RESIDENCE:

Upon her release, Ms. Tripp plans to parole to Casa Solana, which is a residential treatment facility. The address is 383 s. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Grover Beach, CA 93433. Telephone number is (805) 489-4179. After completion of this program, Ms. Tripp plans to reside with her mother Mary Jenkins, at 1559 Seabright, Grover Beach, CA 93433, telephone number (805) 489-4179.

#### B. EMPLOYMENT:

Ms. Tripp will seek employment in the areas of Word Processing, clerical work, warehousing, forklift driver or as a label mechanic operator. She also plans to attend computer school and has written programs for additional housing and employment plans.

# C. ASSESSMENT:

Ms. Tripp last appeared before the Board of Prison Terms on 11/06/02. The BPT found Ms. Tripp suitable for parole pending Governor's Review. On 04/04/03 the Governor invoked his authority to reverse the Board's decision to grant Ms. Tripp Since her last hearing, Ms. Tripp has parole. enhanced suitability her by continued participation in various self-help and volunteer activities. She maintains a positive outlook towards future parole possibilities and is an asset to the institution.

### V USINS STATUS:

Not applicable.

#### VI. SUMMARY:

A. With consideration to the commitment offense, prison adjustment and personal interaction with Ms. Tripp, this writer believes the prisoner would probably present a Medium to Low degree of threat TRIPP, BRANDEE W-15695 CIW JUNE 03/30/04 PF/cy

to the public if released from prison at this time.

- B. Prior to release, Ms. Tripp could benefit from:
  - 1. Continue to remain disciplinary free.
  - 2. Continue to upgrade vocationally.
  - Continue to participate in available selfhelp/therapy programs.
- C. This Report is based on a one (1) hour interview with Ms. Tripp and a four (4) hour review of the central file.
- D. Ms. Tripp took the opportunity to examine her central file on 04/08/04 in preparation for her BPT hearing.
- E. No accommodation was required per the Armstrong vs. Davis BPT Parole Proceedings Remedial Plan for effective communication to complete this report.

PREPARED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

P. FLORENCE, CCI

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CLASSIFICATION & PAROLE REPRESENTATIVE

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			Ms. Tripp remained in general population, medium A custody, Placement Score of 19. Continued assignment in PIA receiving primarily satisfactory evaluations.
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			Medium A.
•			VOCATIONAL TRAINING:
			Continued assignment in PIA, where she has been since 05/12/00. Lupe Quiroz, PIA Supervisor notes, Ms. Trip is doing satisfactory work, has good working habits and is always willing to cooperate.
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			None noted.
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			05/01/03	Acknowledged for her commitment to the SOS Crochet Project.				
			06/04/03	Continued participation as a member of AA/NA.				
			06/25/03	Continued participation in the Inmate Assistance Module, Anger Management.				
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# **EXHIBIT F**

**BOARD OF PRISON TERMS** 

1515 K Street, Suite 600 Sacramento, California 95814 (916) 445-4072



May 31, 2002

Gary M. Diamond Attorney at Law P.O. Box 420 Rocklin, CA 95677

RE: Production of Documents

Dear Mr. Diamond:

This is in response to your May 15, 2002 letter addressed to the Executive Officer. The memorandum referenced in your letter is referred to as an executive summary. This summary is an analysis of the parole decision prepared by the Board's Legal Unit. Our executive summaries are protected from disclosure under the attorney work-product doctrine and the deliberative process privilege. We also assert that any attempt to inquire into the mental processes of counsel for the Board is irrelevant and impermissible under a doctrine first enunciated by the United States Supreme Court in United States v. Morgan (1941) 313 U.S. 409, 422, and more recently recognized in Hornung v. Superior Court (2000) 81 Cal.App.4th 1095. According to this precedent, neither the court nor counsel are allowed to inquire into the deliberative process relating to an adjudicative decision made by a member of the executive branch. We believe this precedent applies to the review of parole decisions by the Board's Legal Unit.

Given this background, we will not be providing you with copies of any executive summaries. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. WINN

Chief Counsel

cc: Carol A. Daly Marvin E. Speed





# DECLARATION OF GARY M. DIAMOND

# I, GARY M. DIAMOND, hereby declare:

- 1. I am an attorney, licensed to practice law in California, specializing in parole law, writs and appeals involving parole and the Board of Prison Terms (BPT).
- 2. During the most recent five-year period I have represented inmates at approximately one thousand parole hearings for lifers. By "lifer", I mean prison inmates serving lifemaximum indeterminate sentences.
- 3. By law, Governor Gray Davis appointments BPT's Chairperson and commissioners. Since April 8, 1999, when Governor Davis announced and BPT implemented his no-parole mandate precluding parole for lifers convicted of murder and other offenses, I have suspected and been concerned about a policy by which BPT, upon granting parole to a lifer and approving its decision on review, has its staff prepare the "Governor's" decision consisting of negative facts and inferences extracted from the inmate's record that disfavor parole (although BPT found the inmate suitable and "granted" parole), which the Governor or his staff member signs or rubberstamps, using Penal Code § 3041.2 to reverse all paroles "granted" to lifers convicted of murder and § 3041.1 to refer all paroles "granted" to lifers convicted of other offenses to BPT for an en banc hearing and possible rescission of the parole grant. For the following reasons I now believe that this policy was implemented by BPT and has been in force for at least several years.
- 4. At least three such "Governor's" decisions reversing paroles "granted" by BPT to inmates I represented encompassed inferences and language that, in my experience, could only have originated with BPT. The verbiage used in the "Governor's" parole decisions is often identical to that commonly used in reports prepared by BPT's investigative and legal staff, including the reports they prepare in cases of Battered Woman's Syndrome. In at least three such cases the Governor's report included erroneous "facts" and implications that would not be contained in the usual material forwarded to the Governor by BPT for review, which are available only to BPT staff, including but not limited to material that originated from BPT's investigative staff.
- 5. On April 29, 2002, I attended a meeting in BPT's board room convened by BPT's Chairperson, Carol Daly, that was attended by representatives from several law enforcement offices, legislative aides, Department of Corrections officials and attorneys who regularly represent lifer inmates in parole matters.
- 6. A topic on the agenda of BPT's April 29, 2002 meeting that I attended involved parole determination procedures for lifers. When someone asked about the material that BPT sends to the Governor for his review of lifer parole grants, two members of BPT's panel, including Marvin Speed, its Executive Director, were evasive. I repeated the question, but Mr. Speed gave only a partial answer, describing some of the material BPT sends to the Governor's offices.

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- I then asked what other documents BPT formulates and sends to the Governor's office. 7. After some of BPT's panel members looked at each other, Mr. Speed replied, "We can't discuss that." I then asked John Wynn, BPT's legal counsel, if BPT prepares any documents for the Governor comprising or suggesting his eventual decision for or against parole in such cases. Mr. Wynn replied, "I can't answer that question. Let's move on."
- 8. I then posed the question to Mr. Speed and Mr. Wynn, "Are you telling me that someone from the board writes a letter or memorandum and forwards it to the Governor's office that is contrary to the parole decision made by the granting panel and the DRU [BPT's decision review unit or does someone within the board actually write the decision that the Governor signs when he denies parole?" The panel members refused to answer my question.
- 9. The following day while attending a parole hearing at Calipatria Prison, I spoke to a BPT commissioner and discussed the conversations I described above. The commissioner confirmed that someone within the board, most likely investigative or legal staff, formulates and suggests that parole be denied based on the negative factors described therein. The commissioner told me that this procedure was implemented during or before the time when Mr. Nielsen [Jim Nielsen] was BPT's Chairman, and has continued under Commissioners Hepburn [David Hepburn] and Daly [Carol Daly, current BPT Chairperson].
- Since that time I have spoken to other BPT commissioners, two of whom have confirmed 10. this procedure.
- 11. From these facts and my experience in handling large numbers of parole cases including many subjected to this process, I believe that the "decisions" made by Governor Davis in these cases under Penal Code § 3041.1 and § 3041.2, are in fact formulated by BPT to recommend contrary to its decisions granting parole, and that the Governor or a member of his staff signs or rubberstamps these "decisions."
- I am providing this information in the interest of justice, I have received no compensation 12. or consideration therefor, and I am willing to testify thereto in a court of law if called upon to do so.

I DECLARE, under penalty of perjury, that the facts I have stated above are true and correct, except where I have declared a belief thereof, in which case I believe such facts to be true based on the evidence I have set forth.

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Gary M. Diamond

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# MEMORANDUM

To:

Mr. James Gomez

Director

California Department of Corrections

1515 S Street, Room 351 N .

Sacramento, California 94283-0001

Date: October 24, 1991

File No:

Subject: Forwarding of Lifer Central Files to the Board of Prison Terms

From: BOARD OF PRISON TERMS.

Penal Code Section 3041.1 specifies that up to 90 days prior to a scheduled parole release date, the Governor shall have the power to request review of any decision concerning the grant or denial of parole to any prisoner in a state prison.

Penal Code Section 3041.2 provides that during the 30 days following the granting, denial, revocation, or suspension by the Board of Prison Terms (BPT) of the parole of a person sentenced to an indeterminate prison term based upon a conviction of murder, the Governor, when reviewing the BPTs decision, shall review materials provided by the BPT.

Since the issuance of a Department of Corrections instructional memorandum concerning this matter, dated August 28, 1991, the Governor's Office has requested the Central File be provided for their review following any BPT decisions involving the following type cases:

- 1) Parole consideration hearings involving the grant of a parole date;
- 2) Parole Board Rules hearings;
- 3) Parole rescission hearings; and
- 4) Progress hearings.

Additionally, the Governor's Office has requested the Central File be provided for their review prior to the release on parole of any DSL prisoner whose commitment offense involved a "heinous" crime.

Any questions concerning this should be directed to the Office of the Board of Prison Terms Chief Counsel at (916) 322-6729 or ATSS 492-6729.

I appreciate your continued cooperation in this matter.

JOHN W. GILLIS

Chairman

# **EXHIBIT G**

# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

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	Brandee Tripp (W-15659)	•	)	ORDER		Sandra Hirai	

Petitioner challenges Governor Schwarzeneger's October 14, 2004, decision reversing the Board of Prison Terms' May 17, 2004, decision to grant Petitioner parole. Respondent has filed an Informal Response contending that the Governor's decision was based on a thorough review of Petitioner's commitment offense and must be upheld because there is "some

evidence" to support the Governor's conclusion that Petitioner would pose an unacceptable risk

On Habeas Corpus.

Petitioner's primary argument is that the Governor's decision to reverse the Board's recommendation is based solely on her commitment offense — a factor that will never change regardless of her efforts to better herself. She notes that this is the second time the Governor has reversed the Board's recommendation to grant her parole and contends that the Governor has effectively converted her sentence from "life with the possibility of parole" to "life without the possibility of parole."

Petitioner's argument is not without merit. California's statutory parole scheme clearly implies that inmates who have shown legitimate improvement during incarceration should be granted parole. Penal Code § 3041. It is also clear that Petitioner's plea was entered primarily to ensure that she would be sentenced to life with the *possibility* of parole, and reasonable

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minds could certainly conclude there is no "possibility" Petitioner will be granted parole, given the Governor's repeated denial of parole based on factors that cannot be changed.

However, California courts have consistently held that the Governor may deny parole based solely on the nature of the commitment offense, so long as he identifies specific elements of the commitment offense showing the inmate would pose an unacceptable risk to the public. See, e.g., In re Dannenberg (2005) 34 Cal.4th 1061, 1084. The Governor's October 11, 2004, decision, which contains a thorough description of Petitioner's commitment offense, clearly meets this standard. Accordingly, the Court must uphold the Governor's decision, and the Petition is DENIED.

IT IS SO ODERED.

SEPTE-MBER Dated: August 16, 2005

Hon. Marla O. Anderson

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the facts I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the facts I have stated above are true and correct.

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